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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 4278

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SUBJECT: GOH DELEGATION LEAVES TODAY FOR MEDIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH
GOES

REF: TEGUCIGALPA 4247 (DTG 2144Z SEPT 1976)

1. GOH DELEGATION LEAVES TODAY FOR WASHINGTON FOR NEGOTIATIONS
WITH GOES IN OAS FORUM. FONMIN PALMA GALVEZ HEADS THE LARGE
DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDES LT. COL. CESAR ELVIR SIERR, CESAR
BATRES, JORGE FIDEL DURON, ROBERTO RAMIREZ AND MAX VELASQUEZ DIAZ.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, GOH HAD PLANNED TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS
WITH GOES THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON IF SALVADORANS WERE IN
ATTENDANCE. THE GOH LEADERSHIP STILL WISHES TO HAVE AN OAS
REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT DURING THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO SET
UP MEDIATION AGREEMENT. THE HONDURANS ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE
AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME. UNDOUBTEDLY,
ONE OF THE MAJOR POINTS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IS THE
PROPOSAL THE GOH DELEGATION WILL PRESENT TO NAME A CHIEF OF
STATE OF ONE OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS TO ACT AS THE
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MEDIATOR.

3. BEGIN COMMENT. FONMIN PALMA IS TAKING A LARGE DELEGATION WITH HIM TO ASSURE VARIOUS SECTORS OF HONDURAN PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE CORSE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ONE OF THE BASIC FAULTS OF EX-FONMIN PERDOMO WAS HIS INSISTENCE IN PLAYING A "LONE WOLF" ROLE. PALMA IS CONDUCTING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN CLOSE CONCERT WITH CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR, THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL AND WITH OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THE POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY. BY SO DOING HE HOPES TO AVOID THE CRITICISM THAT HE IS CONDUCTING SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING A BROAD SPECTRUM OF PUBLIC OPINION. IN ADDITION, THE PRESENCE OF VARIOUS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS PLACES THEM IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO EXPLAIN AND DEFEND THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE FONMIN AND GOH.
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